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***** The Portuguese Association for CDG (APCDG) and NABIA Olive Oil Cosmetics announce a new partnership and launch a Christmas campaign aimed at collecting funds for CDG research*****

Lisbon, 11st November 2016 – Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) are a rapidly growing group of rare metabolic diseases for which there is no cure. Governments and related institutions dedicate limited funds for research on CDG. To overcome this barrier, the Portuguese Association for CDG (APCDG) announces a partnership with NABIA Olive Oil Cosmetics (more information visit [HERE](#)). NABIA is a Portuguese start-up dedicated to natural biocosmetics and will devote 10% of their sales to fund the research done under the scope of our CDG & Allies – Professionals and Patient Associations International Network (CDG & Allies-PPAIN, for more information visit [HERE](#)).



“CDG & Allies-PPAIN, is the unique patient-led network at the international level for CDG. In addition, very few similar initiatives exist at worldwide level. We are committed to work with more than 20 researchers, physicians and parents that aim to make huge progress for science on CDG. Finding innovative ways to fund this network is an urgent challenge”, – stated **Vanessa Ferreira PhD, MBA (sister to a CDG patient, Volunteer and Founder at APCDG)**.

“Access funding for research projects on CDG is a major challenge. These diseases are still widely unknown and haven’t caught the attention of government agencies or pharma companies”, added **Rita Francisco MSc in Molecular Genetics, (APCDG Volunteer, researcher and CDG community liaison and social manager)**.



APCDG identified NABIA Olive Oil Cosmetics as a perfect partner for this venture and together they launch a fundraising campaign called “A Biocosmetic for Biomedical Research”. “Our products are hand-made with natural, biological ingredients and Portuguese olive oil is their base. The entire development process is eco-friendly and the product portfolio is registered in national and international entities” concluded **Margarida Lopes, Food Engineer (NABIA Olive Oil Cosmetics CEO)** “NABIA’s values of human health and well-being are in completely in tune with

APCDG mission.” said **Rita Francisco MSc in Molecular Genetics, (APCDG Volunteer, researcher and CDG community liaison and social manager)**.

©NABIA and APCDG will participate in fairs and markets in Portugal, but the products will also be available for shipping. Updates and developments will be announced in APCDG ([Facebook Pages](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#)) and ©NABIA ([Facebook Page](#)) social media channels. The official campaign email, available for orders, is biocosmeticforesearch@gmail.com.

About the Portuguese CDG and Other Metabolic Rare Disorders Association (APCDG):

Founded in 2010, APCDG (www.apcdg.com) is a patient led and centric non-profit association, whose particular goal is to stimulate new research lines that makes a difference in the lives of patients and families. APCDG initiatives are developed both nationally and internationally. APCDG is committed to finding a cure for Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) and related disorders, improving the treatment options and giving information and support to people with CDG, through research, education, awareness programs and advocacy. APCDG top priority is to give a complete and holistic perspective of the patient as a person. Go to our website: www.apcdg.com

About [CDG & Allies-PPAIN](#): With the help of a broad network of scientists, physicians, families and patient advocacy groups, we have established a patient-led national and internationally unrivaled infrastructure for research, awareness and education for CDG. The research on Glycosylation disorders is primarily dedicated to Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG). The advances and innovations achieved for CDG through CDG & Allies - PPAIN will impact on a large number of patients, namely, all human diseases characterized by abnormal protein glycosylation such as cancer, inflammation, Alzheimer's disease and diabetes.

About [©NABIA Olive Oil Cosmetics](#): This portuguese enterprise has a R&D model which is based on ecological, natural and medicinal principles. Their main line of focus are hand-made biocosmetics, whose main ingredient is portuguese olive oil. Ingredient combination is done in a harmonious way and with well-defined therapeutic purposes. All products are registered in national and international databases of quality-control and certifying entities. ©NABIA intends to promote a healthy lifestyle, having a holistic vision of the human-being in close contact and interaction with the environment. Email: nabiaooc.pt@gmail.com

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